

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
STATE SENATOR JOHN PAPPAGEORGE**

WHEREAS, John Pappageorge was born and raised on the east side of Detroit. After graduating from West Point in 1954, he served the next 30 years in the Infantry, including two combat tours in Vietnam. He is airborne, ranger and pathfinder qualified and his decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Superior Service Medal, 4 Legions of Merit, Bronze Star, 9 Air Medals, Combat Infantryman's Badge and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry; and

WHEREAS, John spent the last four years of his military career, 1981-1984, as a member to the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Council as a result of his successful shuttle diplomacy between Greece and Turkey that returned Greek forces to NATO's Integrated Military Structure; and

WHEREAS, John returned to Michigan in 1984, purchased a home in Troy, and became the Director of Business and Strategic Planning at General Dynamics. His political career began as an Oakland County Commissioner from 1989 to 1992 and as State Representative for the 41st District representing Troy and Clawson from 1999 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, John is currently serving his second term as the State Senator for the 13th District representing Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Troy, Clawson, Berkley, Royal Oak & Madison Heights; and

WHEREAS, John chairs the Appropriations General Government Subcommittee and serves as Vice Chair for the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Appropriations Department of Community Health Subcommittee and the Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs Committee. He also is a member of the Capitol Outlay, Homeland Security & Emerging Technologies and Finance Committees; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Municipal League selected John Pappageorge as its Legislator of the Year for 2013. The MML noted that **Senator Pappageorge** has been one of the most vigilant supporters of increased revenue sharing on the Appropriations Committee and his advocacy has benefitted not only the communities in his district, but those all across the state of Michigan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council extends special recognition to **State Senator John Pappageorge**, as the MML Legislator of the Year, and thanks him for his efforts in the passage of legislation that benefits local governments and for fighting consistently to support local government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council and all of Troy's residents congratulate Troy resident **State Senator John Pappageorge** for being such a tireless supporter of the City of Troy and wish him continued success in all future endeavors.

Presented this 25th day of November 2013.